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RIDE  
WITH

# RED FIRE

as he meets "THE BULLET EATER"

THERE IS MEDICINE THAT CAN CURE AND MEDICINE THAT CAN KILL! IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE MAN PRESCRIBING IT! IF A "DOCTOR" IS A GREEDY FAKER OUT FOR BLOODY GOLD, AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A MAN WHO FEEDS HIS CLIENTS BULLETS INSTEAD OF PILLS—THEN ANY PATIENT OF THEIRS WILL FIND HIS SICK-BED TURNED INTO A DEATH-BED! BUT RED FIRE FIGHTS ANY PRESCRIPTION FOR DOOM WITH AN ANTIDOTE OF JUSTICE, AS HE BATTLES AS VILLAINOUS A PAIR OF DEATH MERCHANTS AS EVER DISPENSED EXTINCTION TO THEIR PUBLIC!

ALL RIGHT, RED FIRE!  
IF OUR MEDICINE CAN'T  
CURE YUH—WE GOT AN-  
OTHER! ALL RIGHT, LET  
HIM HAVE IT, DOC!



RED FIRE WAS VISITING AN AILING FRIEND, CHIEF WA-TI-KI, CHIEF OF THE YAVAPAI INDIAN TRIBE. RED FIRE'S GUARDIAN, AND BENEFACTOR, WHO WAS DEADLY ILL...

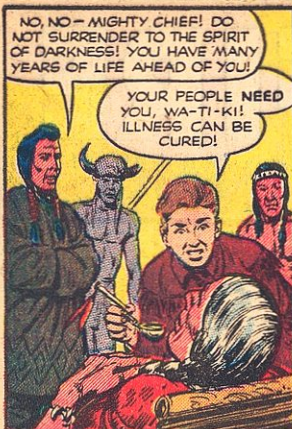
TIME  
FOR YOUR MEDI-  
CINE, FRIEND!

NO, LAD, ENOUGH MEDICINE!  
ALL THE MEDICINE IN THE  
WORLD CANNOT CURE ME...  
I AM SICK UNTO DEATH...  
MY TIME HAS COME...

Willson



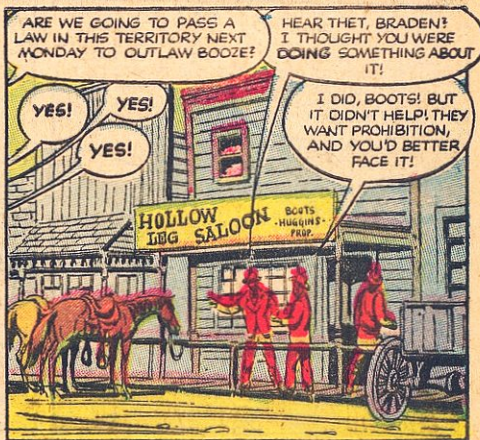
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MEANWHILE, IN BLACKVILLE, THE TERRITORIAL SEAT...



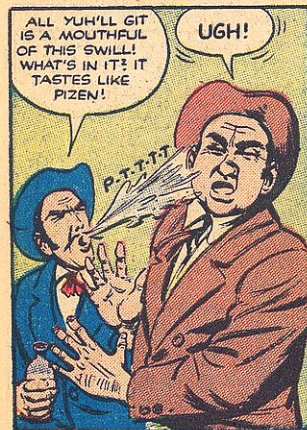
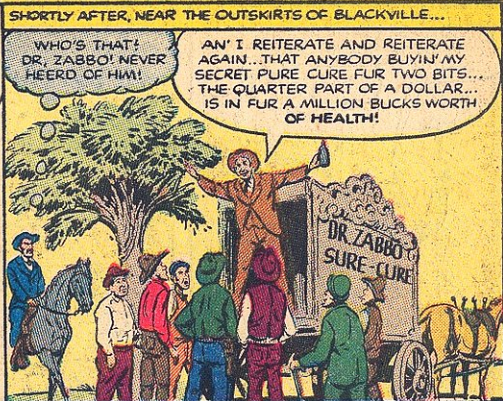




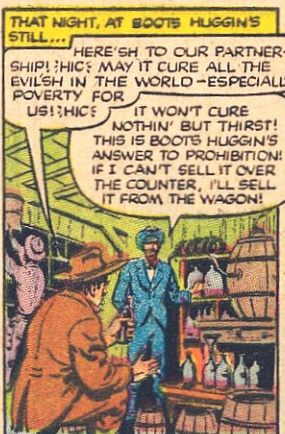














NO, SIR! I WAS WEAK AND PUNY! SICK AS SIN! THIN AS A LATH! THE DOCTOR GAVE ME UP FOR DEAD! MY FRIENDS WERE MEASURING ME FOR A COFFIN, WHEN A MIRACLE HAPPENED! YESSIR—A MIRACLE!



HMM—LET'S LISTEN A WHILE, WHITE LIGHTNING!

THIS HERE IS THE MIRACLE! DR. ZABBO CAN CURE ANYTHING! THIS CURE-ALL MADE ME WHAT I AM TODAY! I'M SO STRONG, I CAN EAT BULLETS!



DON'T TAKE HIS WORD FOR IT! MAKE HIM SHOW YOU HOW HE CAN EAT 44 CARTRIDGES!

YES! YES! SHOW US!

OKAY! HERE GOES! I'LL EMPTY MY SIXER CHAMBERS...



...AN' EAT THE SLUGS LIKE THEY WAS CANDY!



ONLY THEY ARE CANDY—YUH SUCKERS!

GASP! HEY! LOOK AT THAT! EATIN' BULLETS!

DELICIOUS! SIMPLY DEE-LICIOUS!



GIVE US A BOTTLE!

ME, TOO!

I WANT ONE!

DOCTOR—C...COULD I SEE YOU A SECOND? COULD THIS MEDICINE CURE DIABETES?



YOUNG FELLER, MY CURE-ALL CAN DESTROY DIABETES WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! BUT YOU LOOK HALE AND HEARTY, M'LAD!

NO, DOCTOR—IT'S NOT ME—CHIEF, WA-TI-KI—HE'S TERRIBLY SICK—HIS TRIBE WILL DO ANYTHING TO CURE HIM! SEE? THEY GAVE ME \$1,500 TO PAY FOR A DOCTOR!



GULP! \$1,500! SON—YOU'VE FOUND YOURSELF THE BEST DOCTOR IN THE WEST!

LOOKIT ALL THESE DIPLOMAS, AND PRIZES! ZABBO CAN CURE ANYTHIN'. JUST TAKE BACK A WAGONLOAD OF MY MAGIC MEDICINE! AN'...



WAIT! AREN'T YOU EVEN GOING TO EXAMINE CHIEF WA-TI-KI!

ER—SHORE! I'LL EXAMINE HIM INSIDE AND OUT—THEN I'LL GIVE HIM THE MEDICINE! SHALL WE GET GOIN'!



YES—THE SOONER THE BETTER! THE CHIEF IS VERY SICK! I ONLY HOPE HE IS STILL ALIVE WHEN WE GET THERE!



THAT NIGHT...

YOUR CHIEF IS FIXED UP FINE! HE'LL WAKE UP IN THE MORNING FEELIN' LIKE A MILLION BUCKS! AN' SPEAKIN' OF A MILLION BUCKS...AHEM!

I'M NOT SO SURE YOUR CURE IS WORTH SO MUCH MONEY...

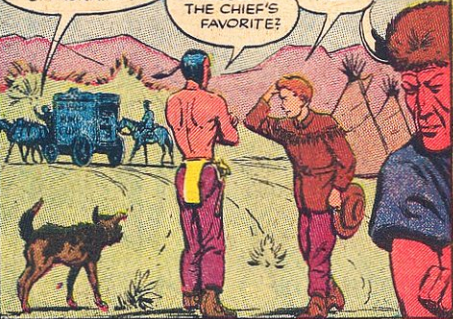
GIVE IT TO HIM, RED FIRE! IF HE CURES OUR CHIEF- HE IS WORTH TEN TIMES THAT MONEY!



SO LONG, KID! GIVE THE MEDICINE TWELVE HOURS TO WORK! YOU'LL SEE THE CHANGE IT'LL MAKE IN THE CHIEF BY MORNING!

RED FIRE'S BROW IS CLOUDED WITH WORRY! SPEAK! WHAT TROUBLE'S THE CHIEF'S FAVORITE?

I DON'T KNOW, GREY FOX! I JUST HAVE A FEELING THAT ALL IS NOT WELL!



THE NEXT MORNING...

NO, RED FIRE, YOU DID YOUR BEST! THE GREAT SPIRIT WANTED WA-TI-KI, SO HE TOOK HIM!

THE CHIEF IS DEAD!

IT'S MY FAULT! IF I'D FOUND A BETTER DOCTOR...



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT-AS THE BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER ARRIVED FOR THE FUNERAL...

SO THIS IS THE MEDICINE DR. ZABBO GAVE YOU AS A CURE-ALL! DO YOU SMELL WHAT I SMELL, BUMPER?

IT'S UKKER!



THE FOLLOWING DAY- IN DR. MAN-SON'S OFFICE IN BLACKVILLE...

THERE'S NO DOUBT OF IT- THIS MEDICINE IS HALF LIQUOR- DEADLY TO DIABETICS! THIS STUFF UNQUESTIONABLY KILLED WA-TI-KI!

THEN DR. ZABBO LIED TO ME! HE'S A PHONY!

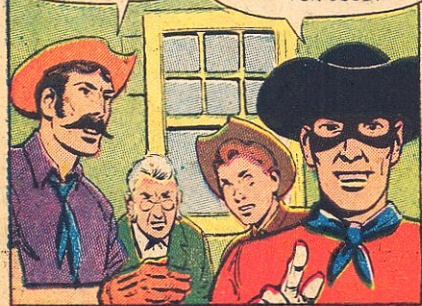
HE'S WORSE THAN THAT, RED FIRE! HE'S A MURDERER! WHAT DID HIS BULLET-EATING FRIEND LOOK LIKE?



AS RED FIRE DESCRIBES "THE BULLET-EATER"...

BOOTS HUGGINS! NOW THAT LIQUOR HAS BEEN PROHIBITED, BOOTS HAS FOUND ANOTHER USE FOR HIS RUGUT!

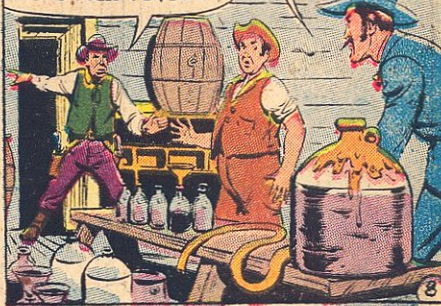
WELL, HE'S FIXED HIMSELF GOOD THIS TIME! I'LL GET A COURT ORDER THAT'LL PUT BOTH HIM AND ZABBO OUT OF WHACK FOR GOOD!



THAT NIGHT- AT BOOTS HUGGIN'S STILL...

WE'VE GOTTA WORK FAST! THIS CURE-ALL BUSINESS IS A GOLD MINE. AND NOBODY'S GONNA RUIN IT!

I'M GIVIN' YA THE STRAIGHT GOODS! THE BLACK DIAMOND IS OUT TO GIT YUH FUR TWO REASONS-KILLIN' THE CHIEF WITH YOUR PHONY MEDICINE, AND FOR SELLIN' LIQUOR!





THE NEXT EVENING IN TOWN...

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET RID OF THE BLACK DIAMOND IS TO BRING HIM TO US! WE'LL KIDNAP THE KID, AND THAT MEDDLIN' TIN STAR WILL COME RUNNIN' INTO OUR TRAP, AND WE'LL DRY GULCH HIM!

QUIET! HERE COMES THE KID NOW!



MMMMPHHH! ...UGHH!

GOT HIM!

GOOD! TAKE HIM TO THE STILL! ZABBO-YUH GOT THAT RANSOM NOTE READY?



LATER, AT BOOTS HUGGIN'S DISTILLERY...

SORRY, KID - IT'S YOU OR US! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SIDDED THE BLACK DIAMOND ON OUR TRAIL!

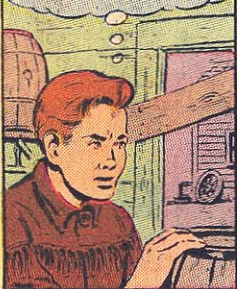
YOU HAVEN'T WON YET, IN SPIKE OF YOUR TRICKS!

YORE TIN-STAR HERO WILL FIND HIMSELF AT THE END OF HIS TRAIL!



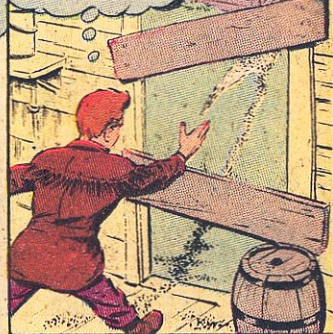
MINUTES LATER, AS RED FIRE LOOKS OVER HIS PRISON...

THIS IS AWFUL! IF BLACK DIAMOND AND BLUMPER RIDE INTO AN AMBUSH BECAUSE OF ME...HAMM...GUNPOWDER! AND THAT'S THE DISTILLERY SHACK OVER THERE - I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



CHUCKING THE POWDER OUT IN A STREAM, CONSTANTLY LENGTHENING IT FURTHER...

NOW - IF ONLY THE GUARDS OUT IN FRONT OF THE SHED DON'T HEAR ME...



RED FIRE FINALLY ROLLS THE GUNPOWDER BARREL TOWARD THE DISTILLERY WALL...

NOW TO START A SPARK BY RUBBING A STICK IN A HOLE!



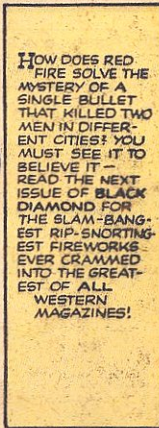
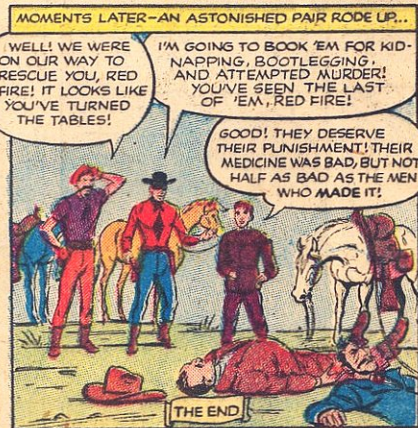
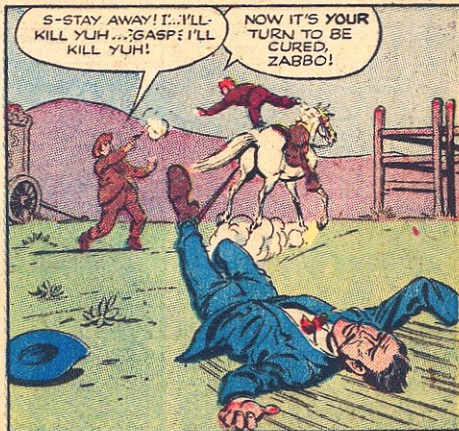
AS SOON AS THE DISTILLERY BLOWS - I'LL TOUCH OFF THE FRONT OF THIS SHED, TOO!



NOW FOR THIS ONE!







THE END

HOW DOES RED FIRE SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF A SINGLE BULLET THAT KILLED TWO MEN IN DIFFERENT CITIES? YOU MUST SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT - READ THE NEXT ISSUE OF BLACK DIAMOND FOR THE SLAM-BANG-EST FIREWORKS EVER CRAMMED INTO THE GREATEST OF ALL WESTERN MAGAZINES!



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# BLACK DIAMOND

## MEETS "THE GOLD STRIKE HOAXERS"

THE SETTLING OF THE WEST AMIDST LAW AND ORDER WAS A DIFFICULT PROPOSITION BACK IN THE '70'S AND THE '80'S! EASTERN CRIMINALS AND SOCIETY'S BLACK SHEEP FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FOUND A HAVEN WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, UNTIL THE COURAGEOUS U.S. MARSHAL, BOB VALE, IN THE GUISE OF THE BLACK DIAMOND, RODE THE PLAINS WITH HIS SIDEKICK, BUMPER, TO SEEK OUT THESE UNSAVORY ELEMENTS AND BRING PEACE AND JUSTICE TO THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE NEW REPUBLIC!

HEY,  
WHAT IN  
BLAZES!?

I GOT 'IM, LUKE! GRAB  
HIS GUN AND GET THE  
BLACK DIAMOND!

GOOD WORK, BART! THERE...  
I KILLED THE BLACK DIAMOND!  
NOW, I'LL GIVE YUH A HAND  
WITH OLD WALRUS LIP!



AMONG THE MORE VICIOUS SEEKERS OF EASY MONEY WHO INVADDED THE WEST IN 1881 WERE LUCIUS DUNNE AND BART MORENO! THEIR CRIME CAREERS WERE DOOMED ON THE NIGHT DUNNE SAT IN ON A POKER GAME IN COLBORO'S ONLY SALOON...

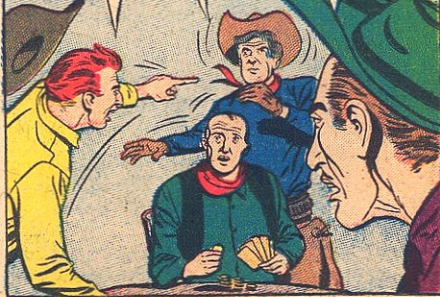
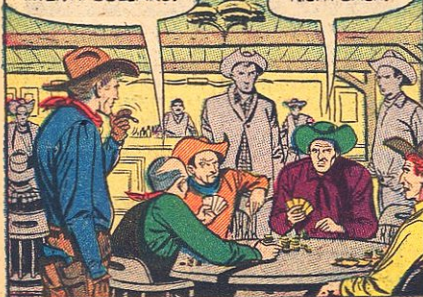
LOOK'S LIKE JUST YOU  
AN' ME, STRANGER! WELL—  
I'LL RAISE YUH  
TWENTY DOLLARS!

HMM! OKAY...H'MM!  
MISTER...I'LL CALL  
AN' BUMP YUH  
RIGHT BACK!

HOLD IT, SAM...  
DON'T SEE THAT  
RAISIT! THAT HOM-  
BRE'S HIS PARD...  
AN' HE'S TOSSIN'  
SIGNALS OVER  
THE TABLE AT  
'IM!

WH...WHY,  
YOU'RE  
LOOQ! I  
DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
THE  
CRITTER!

HOLD ON THERE,  
YOU! I DON'T LIKE  
GUYS WHO MAKE  
ACCUSATIONS LIKE  
THAT! YOU'RE JUST  
SORE CAUSE YUH  
AIN'T WON A POT  
YET!





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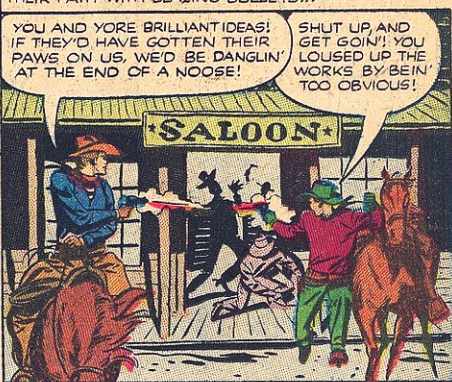
I'VE BEEN WATCHIN' HIM! HE'S BEEN WALKIN' AROUND, PEERIN' AT OUR HANDS AND MAKIN' ALL KINDS OF CASUAL SIGNALS! LET'S SHOW 'EM HOW WE TREAT CROOKS!

SHORE! A LITTLE STRETCH IN THE CABOOSE AN' HE'LL... HEY... HE'S SHOOTIN'! HE KILLED CABOT!

STAND BACK! NOBODY'S TAKIN' ME!

WHILE THEY'RE CONCENTRATIN' ON BART, I'LL KNOCK OUT THEM LIGHTS, AN' WE'LL KIN HIGHTAIL IT IN THE DARK!

WITH THE LIGHTS SHOT OUT, THE TWO GUNMEN RACED FROM THE SALOON, DROPPING ALL WHO STOOD IN THEIR PATH WITH BLAZING BULLETS...



YOU AND YORE BRILLIANT IDEAS! IF THEY'D HAVE GOTTEN THEIR PAWS ON US, WE'D BE DANGLIN' AT THE END OF A NOOSE!

SHUT UP, AND GET GON! YOU LOUSED UP THE WORKS BY BEIN' TOO OBVIOUS!



WHEN I THINK OF THE PILE OF DOUGH IN THAT LAST POT, I COULD SPIT! DID YUH GET ANY OF IT?

ONLY A HANDFUL! COULDN'T GRAB TOO MUCH WHILE I WAS SHOOTIN'. LUCKY THING THOSE TEN DOLLAR PIECES ARE SO SMALL! I GOT A LITTLE MORE THAN \$100!



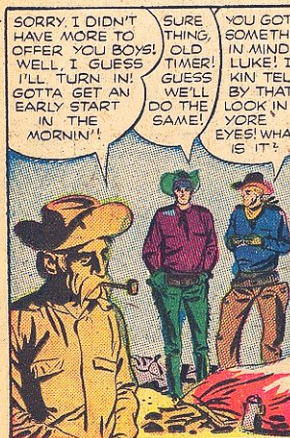
LISTEN, LUKE, YUH GOTTA COOK UP A NEW GIMMICK! I DON'T LIKE TAKIN' CHANCES LIKE THAT! MY HIDE'S STILL SORE FROM THAT TAR AN' FEATHERIN' WE GOT TWO MONTHS AGO!

OKAY - OKAY! GIMME SOME TIME TUH SLEEP ON IT! I'LL COME UP WITH SOMETHIN' OR... HEY! WHAT'S THAT UP AHEAD! LOOKS LIKE A CAMPFIRE! C'MON!



HOWDY, GENTS! CARE TUH JOIN ME IN SOME VITTLES? AIN'T GOT MUCH... BUT YORE WELCOME! BEEN OUT PROSPECTIN' - RAN OUTTA PROVISIONS, SO I'M HEADIN' BLACK TUH STEED'S GAP FER A NEW STAKE!

WHY, THANKS, OLD TIMER! MIGHTY HOSPITABLE OF YUH! ME AN' MY PARD HAVEN'T EATEN TONIGHT!

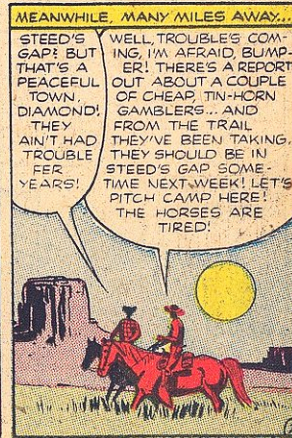


SORRY, I DIDN'T HAVE MORE TO OFFER YOE BOYS! WELL, I GUESS I'LL TURN IN. GOTTA GET AN EARLY START IN THE MORNIN'!

SURE THING, OLD TIMER! GUESS WE'LL DO THE SAME!

YOU GOT SOMETHIN' IN MIND, LUKE! I KIN TELL BY THAT LOOK IN YORE EYES! WHAT IS IT?

AN EASY WAY TO RAKE IN SOME BIG CASH! HEH-HEH... AN' IT'S PERFECTLY LEGAL, TOO! THAT OLD PROSPECTOR FIGURES INTO IT... BUT HE DON'T KNOW IT... AN' HE DON'T HAVE TO! LEMME THINK ABOUT IT SOME MORE, BART! I'LL TELL YUH IN THE MORNIN'!



MEANWHILE, MANY MILES AWAY...

STEED'S GAP? BUT THAT'S A PEACEFUL TOWN, DIAMOND! THEY AIN'T HAD TROUBLE FER YEARS!

WELL, TROUBLE'S COMING, I'M AFRAID, BUMPER! THERE'S A REPORT OUT ABOUT A COUPLE OF CHEAP TIN-HORN GAMBLERS... AND FROM THE TRAIL THEY'VE BEEN TAKING, THEY SHOULD BE IN STEED'S GAP SOME TIME NEXT WEEK! LET'S PITCH CAMP HERE! THE HORSES ARE TIRED!





MORNING... WELL, GUESS Y'UH FELLERS'LL GET TUH STEEDS GAP AFORE I WILL! MEBBE I'LL SEE YUH THERE!

SURE THING, POP! WE MIGHT EVEN HAVE A LITTLE DEAL FOR YUH! IF YORE INTERESTED, COME INTO TOWN ON THE QUIET AND KEEP LOW!



OKAY, LUKE... GIVE OUT! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? HOW DOES HE FIGURE INTO YORE SET-UP?

BART, WHAT D'YUH S'POSE WOULD HAPPEN IF HE CAME TEARIN' INTO TOWN YELLIN' ABOUT THE BIGGEST STRIKE IN HISTORY?



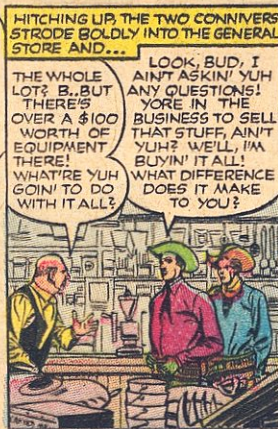
THE TOWN'D GO GOLD CRAZY! EVERYBODY'D LIGHT OUT TUH MAKE THEIR OWN STRIKE!

RIGHT! BUT THEY'D DO SOMETHIN' ELSE FIRST! THEY'D NEED EQUIPMENT... SHOVELS, PICKS, PANS, CANTEENS AND ALL THAT STUFF! NOW JUST SUPPOSE WE BOUGHT OUT ALL THAT STUFF AN' THEY HAD TUH COME TUH US! IF WE ADD OUR DOUGH TOGETHER, WE'VE GOT CLOSE TO \$175! THAT'LL SURE BUY A MESS OF EQUIPMENT!



WHY SURE... AN' WE JACK UP THE PRICE TUH SUIT OURSELVES! WHY WE KIN CLEAN UP A FORTUNE! THERE'S NO LAW AGINST IT, BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THEY FIND OUT IT'S A HOAX?

USE YORE BRAINS! AS SOON AS WE'RE ALL SOLD OUT, WE YAMOOSE! THAT'S ONE THING THEY AIN'T GONNA FIND OUT SO SOON! LET ME HAVE YORE MONEY! THERE'S STEED'S GAP UP AHEAD!



HITCHING UP THE TWO CONNIVERS STRODE BOLDLY INTO THE GENERAL STORE AND...

THE WHOLE LOT? B., BUT THERE'S OVER A \$100 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT THERE! WHAT'RE YUH GOIN' TO DO WITH IT ALL?

LOOK, BUD, I AIN'T ASKIN' YUH ANY QUESTIONS! YORE IN THE BUSINESS TO SELL THAT STUFF, AIN'T YUH? WE'LL, I'M BUYIN' IT ALL! WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE TO YOU?



WELL, WE'VE GOT EVERY PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IN TOWN, LUKE, AN' WE'VE STILL GOT \$25 LEFT! WHAT NOW?

TAKE THIS DOUGH AN' BUY A COUPLE OF RICH NUGGETS FROM THE ASSAYER ACROSS THE STREET! DON'T AROUSE SUSPICION!... TELL 'EM YUH WANT 'EM FER GOOD LUCK CHARMS OR WATCH FOBs!



LATE THAT NIGHT, LUKE AND BART WAITED AT THE EDGE OF TOWN FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE OLD PROSPECTOR....

I DON'T GET IT, MISTER! YUH WANT ME TUH COME RACIN' INTO TOWN TOMORROW MORNIN' AT TEN, YELLIN' I HIT PAY-DIRT? WHUT FER?

NEVER MIND THAT! JUST DO IT! SHOW THESE NUGGETS, AN' PART OF YORE CLAIM! THERE'S ENOUGH GRUB TUH KEEP YUH TILL MORNIN'!

YEAH! ACT REAL CONVIN' CIN', AN' YUH KIN KEEP THEM NUGGETS!



SAY, LUKE... SUPPOSE HE DOESN'T CONVINCE EVERYBODY THAT THERE'S A STRIKE!

DON'T WORRY! WE'LL BE ON HAND TUH GREET 'EM! AS SOON AS HE OPENS HIS MOUTH, WE'LL SUGGEST A CELEBRATION, SHOVE A BOTTLE AT HIM, AND GET 'EM SO PIE-EYED THAT HE'LL REALLY THINK HE FOUND GOLD HIMSELF!



AND THE NEXT MORNING...

AIN'T CHA HEERD? IT'S OL' MAN WILKES SAYS HE'S HIT A BIG VEIN O' GOLD! MUST BE MILLIONS! SEZ THERE'S ENOUGH FER THE WHOLE TOWN!

YUH DON'T SAY! WELL, THAT'S FER ME AS SOON'S I KIN GIT HOLD OF SOME EQUIP-MENT!

YESSIR, I'M RICH! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THEM NUGGETS! THE HILLS'RE FULL OF 'EM!

THIS CALLS FER A CELEBRATION! HERE Y ARE, OLD TIMER! TAKE YERSELF A SLUG!

WHAT D'YUH MEAN YUH'RE ALL SOLD OUT! WE GOTTA HAVE PICKS AN' SHOVELS AN'...

SORRY, GENTS, BUT TWO FELLERS BOUGHT ME OUT YESTERDAY! I AIN'T GOT A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT LEFT! CAN'T GET NONE EITHER FER ABOUT A MONTH!



MEANWHILE, DOWN THE STREET, THE TWO MEN HAD SET UP THEIR SHOP...

WHY, THEM PRICES ARE RIDICULOUS! FIFTEEN BUCKS FER A THREE BUCK SHOVEL AN' THOSE PANS AIN'T WORTH MORN'N TWENTY CENTS!

I GOTTA BUY FROM YUH, YUH'VE GOT THE ONLY EQUIP-MENT THERE IS! THAT'S RIGHT! LETS SEE NOW... \$39 IS CORRECT! WHO'S NEXT?

HEY! LISTEN- IT'S A TRICK! WILKES LIED ABOUT FINDIN' GOLD!

FORGET IT! WE'RE ALL SOLD OUT, AIN'T WE? WE GOT CLOSE TUH \$800 IN OUR POCKETS! LET'S LIGHT OUTTA HERE WHILE TH' LIGHTNIN'S GOOD, BART!

NOW CALM DOWN, YOU MEN! I CAN'T ARREST WILKES, BECAUSE HE AIN'T COMMITTED NO CRIME! WHY DON'T YUH TRY GETTIN' YORE MONEY BACK FROM THE MEN WHO SOLD YUH THE STUFF?

THEY'RE GONE! AIN'T SEEN HIDE NOR HAIR OF NEITHER OF 'EM SINCE THEY SOLD OUT!

GIT OUTTA TH' WAY, SHERIFF! WE AIM TO TAKE WILKES AN' GIVE 'IM WHAT HE DESERVES!

JAIL



THE ENRAGED MOB QUICKLY SUBDUED THE RELUCTANT SHERIFF, GRABBED THE OLD PROSPECTOR AND DRAGGED HIM TO THE EDGE OF TOWN, AND A WAITING NOOSE...

SAY, DIAMOND, LOOK UP AHEAD! SEEMS AS IF WE'VE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO CATCH A HANGIN'!

THAT'S NO REGULAR HANG- ING, BUMPER! THERE'S A MOB THERE! IT...IT'S A LYNCHING! THERE'S NO TRUE JUSTICE WHEN A LYNCHING PARTY TAKES OVER! COME ON, BUMPER- LET'S GO!

HAUL 'IM OVER HERE! WE'LL TEACH 'IM TUH ROB US OF OUR SAVINGS!



RELEASE THAT MAN! HOW CHILDISH CAN MEN GET...TAKING THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS! WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY?

B. BLACK DIAMOND! HE ROOKED US OUTTA OUR MONEY!

TAINT TRUE! THEM TWO HOMBRES FOOLED ME! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WUZ UP TO!

GET BACK THERE! GIVE 'IM A CHANCE TO TELL HIS SIDE OF THE STORY!

AFTER HEARING THE OLD PROSPECTOR'S TALE...

YOU'RE ALWAYS QUICK TO BLAME THE OTHER FELLOW! ACTUALLY, ALL OF YOU ARE TO BLAME! IT WAS YOUR OWN GREED AND LUST FOR EASY RICHES THAT PRODDED YOU INTO BUYING THAT EQUIPMENT AT THOSE FANTASTIC PRICES! HANGING THIS MAN WON'T BENEFIT YOU...BUT REALIZING YOUR MISTAKES WILL!

THE BLACK DIAMOND'S RIGHT! WE WERE ALL TAKEN FER SUCKERS, AN' WE ADMIT IT! WILKES WAS DOPED BY 'EM ALSO!







D'YUH SPOSE THOSE TWO MEN ARE THE TIN-HORN WE'RE AFTER...AN' WHERE DO WE HEAD FROM HERE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUMPER! BUT IF WE WIRE EVERY TOWN WITHIN A 100 MILE RADIUS DESCRIBING THEM, WE MAY STRIKE PAY DIRT!

I SAW THOSE FELLERS, BLACK DIAMOND! THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD DESCRIPTION OF 'EM! I'LL ADDRESS THESE WIRES TO SHERIFFS OF THE TOWNS YUH WANT! OKAY!

RIGHT! HERE, WE'LL START OFF WITH GILA GULCH, MASON, CALERO...HMM, LET'S SEE NOW...



A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER...

BLACK DIAMOND, SOMETHING'S COMIN' IN! GET THIS!

IT'S FROM THE SHERIFF IN CALERO! THAT'S ABOUT 60 MILES FROM HERE! "TWO MEN YOU DESCRIBE ARRIVED HERE...THIS MORNING! STOP! THEY'RE BUYING...EVERY PIECE OF MINING EQUIPMENT IN TOWN! THAT'S THEM ALL RIGHT!"

BUT WHAT CAN WE DO, DIAMOND! THEY'RE NOT DOIN' ANYTHING ILLEGAL! BUYING AND SELLING THE STUFF AIN'T AGIN' THE LAW!



MAYBE WE CAN'T ARREST THEM ON ANY CHARGE...BUT WE CAN ENLIGHTEN THE TOWNFOLK BEFORE THEY'RE SWINDLED! IT'S BEGINNING TO GROW DARK, AND WE'VE GOT A LOT OF HARD RIDING TO DO!

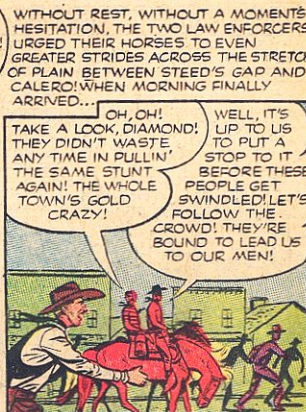
HEY, HOLD ON! I GOT ANOTHER ANSWER FOR YUH! THIS ONE'S FROM COLBORD!

WHA...? WELL, WHICH DIRECTION DO WE GO...TUH CALERO OR TUH COLBORD!



NO CHANCE, BUMPER! OUR BOYS ARE IN CALERO...AND THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADED! BUT WE MAY BE ABLE TO ARREST THEM AFTER ALL! C'MON, THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE!

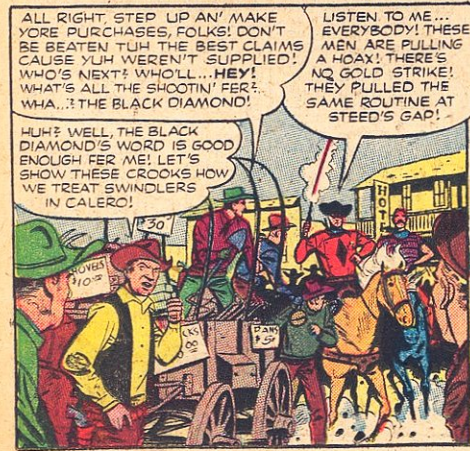
HUH? WHY, WHAT'S IN THAT MESSAGE, ANYWAY?



WITHOUT REST, WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION, THE TWO LAW ENFORCERS URGED THEIR HORSES TO EVEN GREATER STRIDES ACROSS THE STRETCH OF PLAIN BETWEEN STEED'S GAP AND CALERO! WHEN MORNING FINALLY ARRIVED...

OH, OH! TAKE A LOOK, DIAMOND! THEY DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME IN PULLIN' THE SAME STUNT AGAIN! THE WHOLE TOWN'S GOIN' CRAZY!

WELL, IT'S UP TO US TO PUT A STOP TO IT BEFORE THESE PEOPLE GET SWINDLED! LET'S FOLLOW THE CROWD! THEY'RE BOUND TO LEAD US TO OUR MEN!



ALL RIGHT, STEP UP AN' MAKE YORE PURCHASES, FOLKS! DON'T BE BEATEN TUH THE BEST CLAIMS CAUSE YUH WEREN'T SUPPLIED! WHO'S NEXT? WHO'LL...HEY! WHAT'S ALL THE SHOOTIN' FER? WHA...? THE BLACK DIAMOND!

HUH? WELL, THE BLACK DIAMOND'S WORD IS GOOD ENOUGH FER ME! LET'S SHOW THESE CROOKS HOW WE TREAT SWINDLERS IN CALERO!

LISTEN TO ME...EVERYBODY! THESE MEN ARE PULLING A HOAX! THERE'S NO GOLD STRIKE! THEY PULLED THE SAME ROUTINE AT STEED'S GAP!



DON'T LISTEN TO 'IM! NO!...NO! KEEP AWAY! BLACK DIAMOND, YO'RE A LAWMAN...YUH GOTTA PROTECT US FROM THIS MOB! WE AIN'T COMMITTED ANY CRIME!

HE'S RIGHT, BUMPER! IT'S OUR DUTY! GET UP IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT! BACK, YOU MEN...GET BACK!



AS BLACK DIAMOND HELD THE ANGRY MOB AT BAY, BUMPER RAPIDLY BOUNDED TO THE DRINER'S SEAT AND PROCEEDED TO LEAVE TOWN...

DON'T KNOW WHY I'M DOIN' THIS! I'D MUCH RATHER TURN YOU TWO OVER TO THE MOB, AN' LET YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE!

WHAT'S THE IDEA, DIAMOND? I NEVER KNEW YOU TUH PROTECT CROOKS BEFORE!

AS WRONG AS IT SEEMS, I'VE GOT TO DO MY DUTY! MOB RULE IS A FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF JUSTICE AND DECENCY! NOW RETURN TO YOUR HOMES!



OKAY, BLACK DIAMOND, WE'RE FAR ENOUGH FROM TOWN NOW! GUESS WE DON'T NEED YUH AS ESCORT ANY MORE! THANKS!

SORRY, GENTS, BUT WE DON'T PART COMPANY 'SO SOON! BUMPER AND I INTEND TO ESCORT YOU TWO ALL THE WAY TO COLBORO!

C...COLBORO? B...BUT WE AIN'T HEADED THERE! WE DON'T WANNA GO TUH COLBORO! HEY! WHAT'S THAT?



A WIRE I RECEIVED BEFORE WE LEFT STEEDS GAP! THE SHERIFF OF COLBORO RECOGNIZED YOUR DESCRIPTIONS AS THE TWO MEN WHO DID A LITTLE CHEATING AT CARDS AND MURDERED A COUPLE OF MEN A FEW NIGHTS BACK! NOW, GRAB YOUR GUNS BETWEEN TWO FINGERS AND TOSS THEM INTO THE ROAD! THEN SIT BACK AND ENJOY A NICE LONG RIDE!

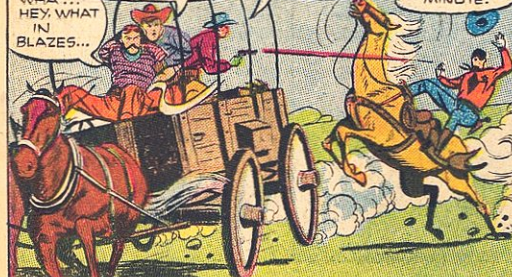


REALIZING THE HEAVY RIDING AND WEARISOME JOURNEY IT REQUIRED FOR THE TWO LAWMEN TO CATCH UP WITH THEM, LUKE AND BART BID THEIR TIME UNTIL THE BROILING SUN AND EXCESSIVE RIDING HAD TAKEN ITS TOLL OF BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER, AND THEN THEY LEAPED INTO ACTION!

I GOT HIS ARMS PINNED, LUKE! GRAB HIS GUN, AND GET THE BLACK DIAMOND!

WHA... HEY, WHAT IN BLAZES...

I GOT THE BLACK DIAMOND! HOLD ONTO OLD WALRUS LIP! I'LL GIVE YUH A HAND IN A MINUTE!



OVER HE GOES! GRAB THE REINS, BART! WE'VE GOT TRAVELIN' TUH DO! WHEN BLACK DIAMOND'S BODY IS FOUND, TH' WHOLE COUNTRY'LL BE ON TH' LOOKOUT FER US... BUT THAT'S BETTERN' HANGIN' FER MURDER!



WHY, YOU DIRTY SIDEWINDIN'!... UGGHH!

BUT THE TWO OUTLAWS HADN'T RECKONED WITH THE TOUGH LEATHERY HIDE OF BUMPER! IN THEIR EXCITEMENT, THEY FAILED TO LOOK AROUND, FOR HAD THEY DONE SO, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISED TO FIND HE HADN'T BEEN LEFT BATTERED ON THE TRAIL BEHIND...

GUESS WE MADE A MISTAKE BY NOT TYIN' THOSE POLECATS UP! I'LL GET THOSE VARMINTS YET... AN' IF THEY'VE REALLY KILLED DIAMOND, I'LL TEAR 'EM APART WITH MY BARE HANDS!

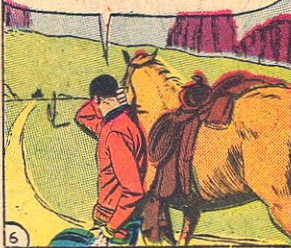


UGHH! JUST A LITTLE MORE NOW, AND I'LL BE READY. FOR 'EM! HOW AM I GONNA TAKE 'EM, THOUGH? I'M UNARMED, AN' THEY'VE GOT BOTH OF MY GUNS!



MEANWHILE, BACK ALONG THE TRAIL, BLACK DIAMOND STOPS PLAYING POSSUM...

YOU STEPPED INTO THAT GOPHER HOLE JUST AT THE RIGHT SECOND, OLD BOY, OR THAT BULLET WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED ME! LET'S GO AND GET 'EM. WHY, BUMPER'S STILL CLINGING TO THE BACK OF THE WAGON! IF WE TRAIL THEM, THEY'LL SIGHT HIM! LET'S GO, BOY... I KNOW A SHORT CUT!

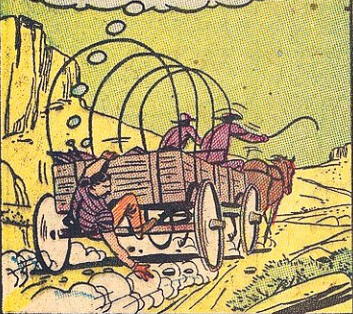




# BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

AND ON THE TRAIL AHEAD, A PLAN FORMED IN BUMPER'S HEAD...

I USED TO BE PRETTY GOOD AT POPPIN' BOTTLES OF THE CORRAL FENCE WHEN I WAS A KID! I HOPE I STILL GOT MY AIM!



HEY! WHAT'S WRO...UGGG! BART! WHERE'D THAT ROCK COME FROM? THERE AIN'T NOBODY BACK THERE!

UGH!



WELL, GOOD RIDDANCE! HEWUZ ALWAYS COMPLAININ' TOO MUCH ANYWAY! I KIN DO BETTER IF I LIGHT OUT ON MY OWN! UGH!!

I DUNNO ABOUT LIGHTIN' OUT, FELLER, BUT IT'S LIGHTS OUT RIGHT NOW!



WH...WHAT HAPPENED? MY HEAD...WH... IT'S BLACK DIAMOND'S SIDEKICK! WHERE IN BLAZES DID HE SPRING FROM? AAHHH, I'LL FINISH HIM OFF GOOD AND PROPER THIS TIME!

I'M WARNIN' YUH, YUH ORN'RY MAVERICK! DON'T TRY WHAT YOU'RE THINKIN'!



I KILLED THE BLACK DIAMOND, AND I'LL KILL YOU, TOO!

I WARNED YUH! HERE MEET ANOTHER HEEL, HEEL!



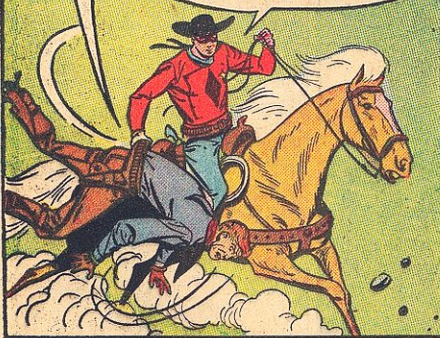
BLACK DIAMOND! B...BUT IT CAN'T BE! HE'S...HE'S DEAD! I SAW HIM FALL WHEN LUKE SHOT HIM!

AHH, I SEE THAT BUMPER LEFT ME A HUMAN TRAIL MARKER!



WHAT TH...? HEY, LEGGO! PUT ME DOWN!

YOU WANT DOWN, EH? WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU'LL GET AS SOON AS WE GET TO COLBORO! YOU'LL GO DOWN ALL RIGHT—THROUGH A LITTLE TRAP DOOR—AT THE END OF A NOOSE!



HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TUH LUKE?

YES, I'LL BET! WELL, WE'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT IN COLBORO! I DON'T THINK THESE BOYS'LL GIVE US ANY TROUBLE FROM NOW ON!

I THINK HE WENT LOCO! HE JUST KEPT HITTIN' ME IN THE FIST WITH HIS FACE... SCRAPPED PRETTY BAD!



THE END

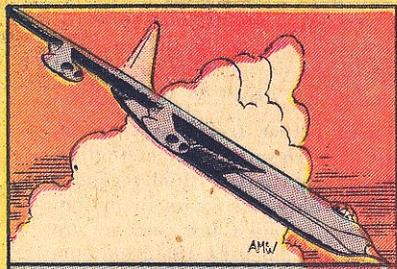




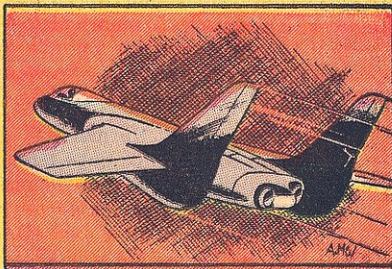
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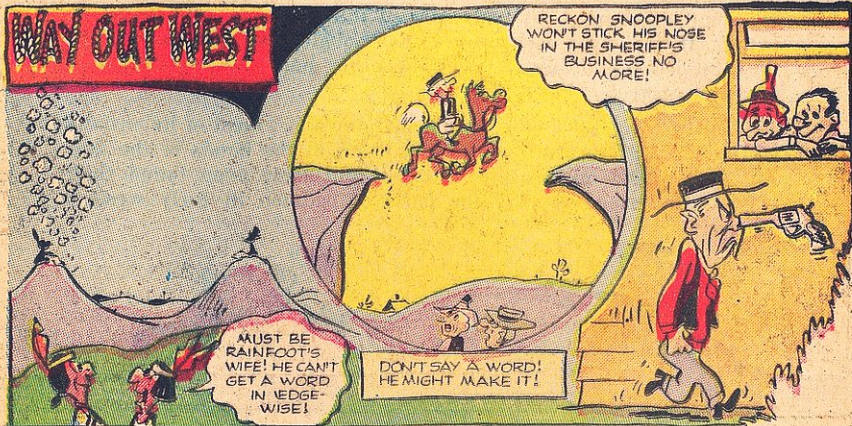


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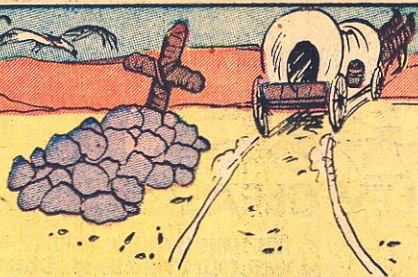
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# FRONTIER FACTS!



They raised 'em rugged and tough back in the days when the west was young. A man had to be slow talking or fast on the draw, and it was dangerous to talk out-of-turn, even to a kid — Billy the Kid, for instance . . . he was only 12 the day he shot and killed the first of twenty-one victims for a fancied insult to his mother!

Outlaw Wess Harden had a violent career from early youth, and spent most of his days fleeing the law. Despite the fact that he had killed thirty-five men in his time, when the law finally caught up with him he was sentenced to only twenty-five years in prison. Harden came out after just sixteen years, studied law and set up practice in Texas. He was shot through the back of the head one night by a badman named John Sellman, who was jealous because Harden had killed more men in his outlaw career than he, Sellman, had killed!

Another character with an itchy trigger-finger was Bill Longley, known to have shot dead almost as many men as Wess Harden. At last he was caught, tried, and sentenced to hang . . . but with the aid of some friends, Longley had an iron collar made for his neck, and a complicated arrangement of heavy rubber bands that lead from the iron collar, down through his clothes and under his in-steps. The arrangement was supposed to break his fall, and prevent his neck from breaking. So Bill Longley was "hanged", and weeping relatives claimed his body, placed it in a coffin, and made off with it. It has never been proved that Longley was still alive when they carried him away . . . on the other hand, no one has ever found his grave!

In the early 1900's the west tamed down . . . most of its outlaws had done each other in, or had met death at the hands of the law. But many lived on, peaceful citizens, and some even found their way to Hollywood to play the parts of badmen in early western movies!





# HEADLINES OF YESTERWEST

## CHEROKEE BILL HANGED. NO. 13 JINX IN HIS LIFE COMES TO END.

The strange series of 13's surrounding the career of Crawford Goldsby alias "Cherokee Bill" was a favorite conversation topic among Westerners near the close of the last century. The fatal 13's first appeared on the horizon in 1895 when Cherokee had killed 13 men and a reward of \$1,300 had been offered for his capture — dead or alive. His 13th victim had been accounted for after firing 13 shots on the 26th (twice 13) day of March, 1895. He was tried for murder in a trial which lasted 13 hours and the presiding Judge, Isaac C. Parker, took 13 minutes to charge the jury. That body of men found Cherokee guilty in exactly 13 minutes of deliberation. To top it all Cherokee Bill was hanged at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on April 13, 1896.

## COURT RULES DONKEY FINDER OF VALUABLE LEAD MINE.

In 1885 a unique case was presented to the U. S. District Court of Idaho in the form of a dispute over the ownership of a mine. O'Rourke and Kellogg, two grizzled prospectors in search of gold, had borrowed a donkey to help them carry provisions and equipment. While working the Idaho Hills near the town of what is now Kellogg, they missed the donkey. A search disclosed the animal standing on a rich outcropping of lead ore on the location of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mine. A dispute arose when the rightful owner of the animal claimed a share. Judge Norman Buck decided that the donkey was the official discoverer of the mine and awarded its owner a one-half interest.

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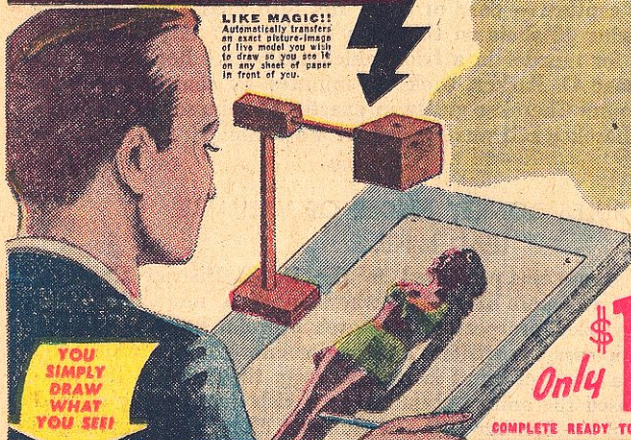


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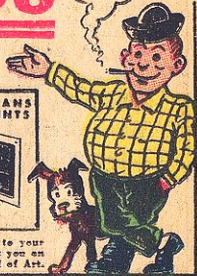


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GRENDLELL! IT'S UP TO  
YOU TO DECIDE  
WHETHER IT'LL BE  
FEET FIRST!

NOTCH YOUR GUN, BLACK  
DIAMOND, **AFTER** I'M DEAD,  
NOT BEFORE! I WON'T  
LOSE THIS DUEL!

I GOT MY SIGHTS TRAINED  
AT THE MEDDLIN' MARSHAL'S BACK! THE  
SECOND HE GOES FOR  
HIS SIXER, HE  
**GETS IT!**

DESPERADO JIM GRENDALL HAD THE WILD WEST FOOLED AND GOOD MEN LAY TWITCHING IN FRONT OF HIS 44'S! THEN HE LEARNED THAT CLOTHES DON'T MAKE A MAN - THAT IT'S NOT THE STAR THAT MAKES THE MARSHAL, BUT THE MARSHAL WHO MAKES THE STAR!

COPPERTOWN, ARIZONA HAD A USUAL TEMPERATURE OF 105 DEGREES IN THE SHADE! ON THE DAY BLACK DIAMOND RODE IN, IT WAS 110 DEGREES AND CLIMBING...

IF I DON'T GET A  
DRINK, BLACK DIAMOND,  
I'LL TURN INTO A  
MUMMY! I EMPTIED  
MY CANTEEN  
LAST NIGHT!

THERE SHOULD  
BE A WATER  
PUMP SOMEWHERE  
AROUND HERE, BUT  
I GUESS THIS  
SALOON HAS  
SOME AQUA!

TEMPERATURES WERE NOT ONLY RUNNING HIGH OUTDOORS—THE THERMOMETER WAS RISING INSIDE, TOO!

WELL, WELL! IF IT AIN'T  
SOME MORE CHISELIN'  
LAWMEN! SORRY,  
MARSHAL, I GOT NO  
GOLD FILLIN'S LEFT TO  
GIVE YUH! THEY'RE  
ALREADY STOLE OUTTA  
MY MOUTH!

WHAT  
- BIT  
HIM?

THE HEAT'S  
PROBABLY  
AFFECTED  
HIM!

COPPERTOWN SALO



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



HEAT?...WHAT'S AFFECTED ME IS YUH TWO-FACED LAW MEN! YUH PRETEND TO UPHOLD THE LAW-ONLY TO ROB US WHEN OUR BACKS ARE TURNED! YEAH! AN' PUT BULLETS IN OUR BACKS WHEN WE OBJECT!

YOU'RE DRUNK, FRIEND! PULL YOURSELF OVER A BARREL AND COME TO YOUR SENSES!

HEY, BAR-TENDER! BRING US SOME WATER!

WATER?

YOU HEARD ME!

OH, WISE GUYS! THEY'RE IN-SULTIN' MY BOOZE! NEXT THEY'LL TELL ME I CUT MY LIKKER! AN' THEY'LL GIVE ME A NICE EAT FINE THAT'LL END UP IN THEIR POCKETS!

LOOK, PAL! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT, BUT, KEEP A CIVIL TONGUE, OR I'LL LOSE MY TEMPER!

THAT'S IT! YOU'RE PROVOKIN' A FIGHT SO YUH CAN CLAP ME IN JAIL FER SWINGIN' AT YUH! THEN YUH'LL TAKE MY LAST BUCK AS THE PRICE FER LETTIN' ME OUT!



I'M THROUGH BEIN' TAKEN! I AIN'T PLAYIN' SUCKER JEST BECAUSE YUH SPORT A TIN STAR! GET 'EM, BOYS! THROW 'EM OUTTA TOWN!

H...HEY!! OWWW!!



THEY AIN'T MARSHALS NO MORE'N WE ARE!

I DON'T GET IT BUMPER! BUT IF WE DON'T PIN THEIR EARS BACK, WE'LL NEVER FIND OUT!

RIGHT!



CRACK!!

SOCK!

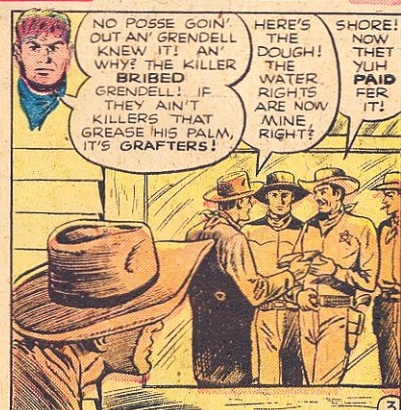
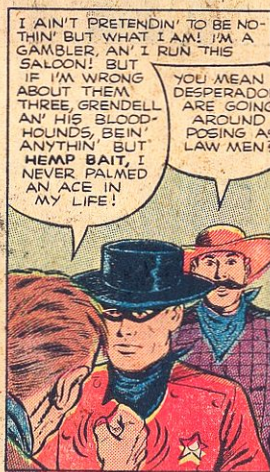
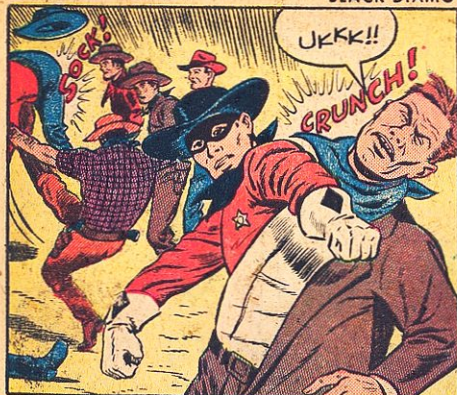
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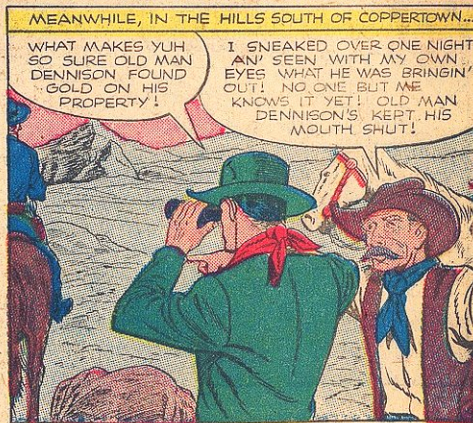
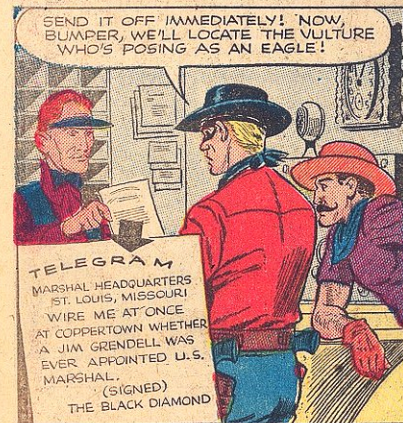
HEEE!!

YAAA!!













I SWEAR TO YUH, GRENDELL—A QUARTER OF THE ORE DENNISON'S BRINGIN' OUT IS STREAKED WITH **GOLD!**

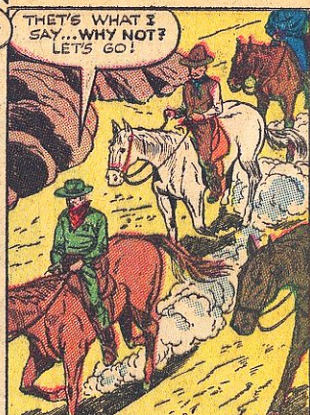
HOW MANY DID YUH SAY IS ON THIS PROPERTY?



TWO—OLD MAN DENNISON AN' SOME YOUNG KID WHO TAKES CARE OF THE OLD MAN! THEY BEEN WORKIN' THE MINE SLOW... AN' ALONE!

WELL, BOYS? THINK YUH CAN HANDLE AN' OLD MAN AN' A KID?

WHY NOT?



THAT'S WHAT I SAY...WHY NOT? LET'S GO!



SHORTLY AFTER...

GULP! H..HEY—YOU'VE GOT NO BUSINESS COMIN' HERE! THIS IS **PRIVATE PROPERTY!**

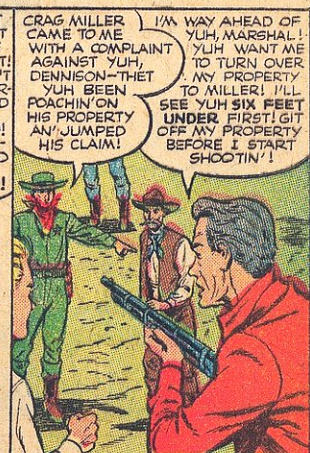
I'M MARSHAL JIM GRENDELL! AN' I GO WHERE I PLEASE—ESPECIALLY WHERE PEOPLE GOT NO RESPECT FER THE LAW! WHERE'S DENNISON?



RIGHT HERE! TAKE YORE FINGERS OFF MY ORE, CRAG MILLER, OR I'LL BLOW 'EM OFF!

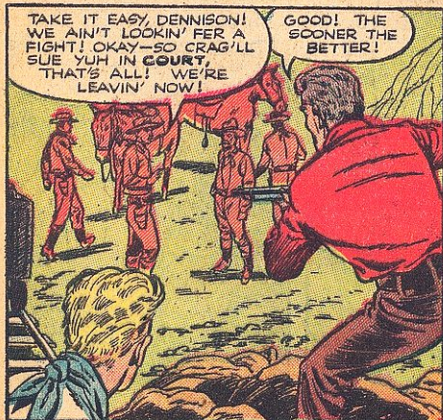
I WOULDN'T BLAME YUH, DENNISON! YUH SHORE STRUCK IT RICH AFTER FORTY YEARS! THERES MORE **GOLD** IN THEM ROCKS THAN ROCK!

THET AIN'T THE POINT! I AIN'T INTERESTED IN **GOLD!** I'M INTERESTED IN **JUSTICE!**



CRAG MILLER CAME TO ME WITH A COMPLAINT AGAINST YUH, DENNISON—THET YUH BEEN FOACHIN' ON HIS PROPERTY AN' JUMPED HIS CLAIM!

I'M WAY AHEAD OF YUH, MARSHAL! YUH WANT ME TO TURN OVER MY PROPERTY TO MILLER! I'LL SEE YUH SIX FEET UNDER FIRST! GIT OFF MY PROPERTY BEFORE I START SHOOTIN'!



TAKE IT EASY DENNISON! WE AIN'T LOOKIN' FER A FIGHT! OKAY—SO CRAG'LL SUE YUH IN **COURT**, THAT'S ALL! WE'RE LEAVIN' NOW!

GOOD! THE SOONER THE BETTER!



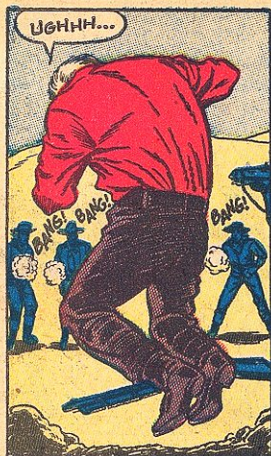
ONLY WE'RE FINISHIN' YUH OFF RIGHT NOW!

OHhhh...

**BANG BANG!**



# BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN



UGH...!



OKAY, BOYS—  
NOW BURY THE  
OLD MAN  
AMONG THOSE  
ROCKS!

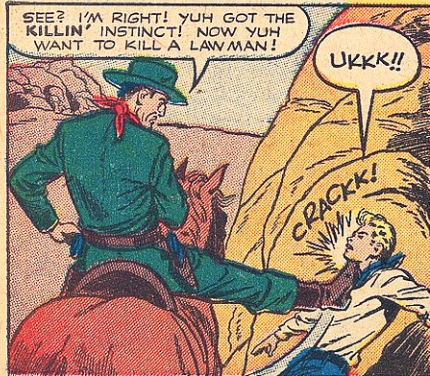
YOU MUR-  
DERERS!  
YOU KILLED  
HIM IN  
COLD  
BLOOD!

STAY  
PUT,  
KID, OR  
YOU'LL  
JOIN  
HIM!



YUH DON'T UNDER-  
STAND THE LAW, KID!  
THE LAW GOES BY  
EVIDENCE! FOUR  
EYE-WITNESSES—ME,  
MY DEPUTIES, AN'  
CRAG MULLER. SEEN  
YUH KILL THE OLD  
MAN! YUH WANTED  
TO INHERIT HIS  
GOLD MINE!

YOU  
LIAR!  
I...I'LL  
KILL  
YOU!



SEE? I'M RIGHT! YUH GOT THE  
KILLIN' INSTINCT! NOW YUH  
WANT TO KILL A LAWMAN!

UKKK!!

CRACK!



OKAY, BOYS, TIE HIM UP!  
WE'RE TAKIN' HIM INTO  
TOWN FER DENNISON'S MUR-  
DER! CRAG, YUH PULL OUT  
ALL DENNISON'S STAKES!  
PUT UP YORE OWN  
CLAIM SIGNS!

LEAVE IT TO ME,  
GRENDLE! WHEN  
IT COMES TO STEALIN'  
OTHER PEOPLE'S  
PROPERTY, NOBODY  
HAS TO TEACH ME  
A THING!



A HALF HOUR LATER, ON THE  
ROAD BACK TO COPPERTOWN...

HEY, JIM, LOOK!  
DURNED IF IT  
AIN'T THE  
BLACK DIAMOND  
HEADIN' THIS  
WAY! WHAT'LL  
WE DO?

STOP ACTIN'  
LIKE A FOOL!  
THE BLACK  
DIAMOND'S  
GOT NOTHIN'  
ON US! WE  
CAN BLUFF  
OUR WAY  
THROUGH!



GREETIN'S, BLACK  
DIAMOND! IT'S A  
GENUINE  
PLEASURE TO  
MEET THE GREAT-  
EST MARSHAL  
IN THE WEST!  
WE JEST CAUGHT  
A MURDERER!  
HE BLASTED  
OLD MAN  
DENNISON!

IT'S A  
LIE!  
THEY  
KILLED  
HIM AND  
BURIED  
HIM NEAR  
THE MINE!  
NOW  
THEY'RE  
TRYING TO  
FRAME  
ME!

WHAT  
KIND  
OF GUN  
DID THE  
KID KILL  
DENNISON  
WITH?



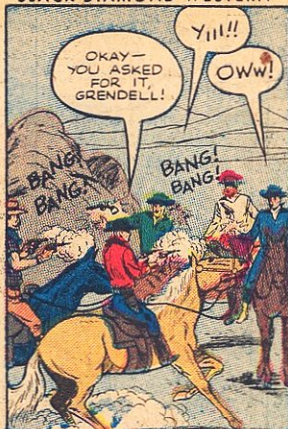
WHY...UH...  
A... RIFLE!  
A HUNTIN'  
RIFLE!

FINE! THEN YOU  
WON'T MIND HAND-  
ING OVER YOUR  
GUNS SO I CAN  
COMPARE YOUR  
CARTRIDGES WITH  
THE SLUGS WE  
TAKE OUT OF  
DENNISON!





YUH MEDDLIN' SKUNK!  
YUH WON'T ONLY SEE  
MY GUN, YUH'LL  
FEEL IT! SHOOT  
HIM DOWN, BOYS!



OKAY—  
YOU ASKED  
FOR IT,  
GRENDALL!

Yiiii!!  
OWW!

BANG!  
BANG!

BANG!  
BANG!



THERE'S ANOTHER  
ONE IN THE GANG!  
CRAG MILLER—AN  
OLD CLAIM JUMPER!  
HE'S BACK AT  
MR. DENNISON'S  
PROPERTY  
CHANGIN' THE  
CLAIM SIGNS  
AROUND!

I'LL DROP IN  
ON HIM NOW!  
TAKE MARSHAL  
GRENDALL  
INTO TOWN  
JUMPER! SEE  
HIM SAFELY TO  
A JAILHOUSE  
CELL! I'LL BE  
ALONG BEFORE  
EVENING!



A HALF HOUR LATER, AT THE MINE,  
AS CRAG MILLER SPIES THE BLACK  
DIAMOND...

COME BACK, YOU  
BUSH-WHACKING  
COYOTE! YOU  
CAN'T ESCAPE!

THE HECK I  
CAN'T! I KNOW  
A SECRET EXIT  
FROM THIS MINE  
ON THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE HILL!



HE'S GIVEN ME THE SLIP  
ALL RIGHT! HMM... NO  
WONDER THESE HOMBRES  
GOT ITCHY FINGERS!  
THIS MINE IS LOADED  
WITH GOLD!



AT THE SAME TIME, ON THE  
ROAD BACK TO COPPERTOWN...

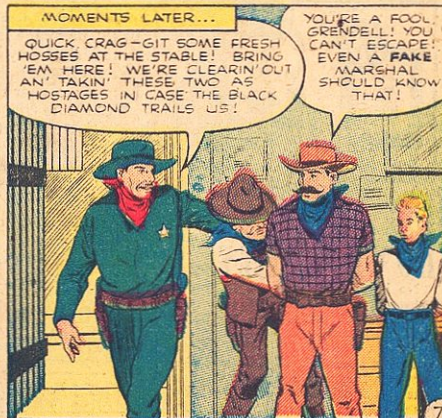
I'VE GOT TO GIT TO TOWN AN'  
SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO  
GRENDALL! IF THE BLACK  
DIAMOND CAUGHT WISE HE AIN'T  
NO MARSHAL, MY GOOSE  
IS COOKED!



BUT AFTER AN HOUR'S SNOOPING ABOUT, CRAG  
MILLER KNEW WHAT HE HAD TO DO...

ED HARRIS?... NOPE!  
THERE'S NO ED HARRIS  
LOCKED UP! HE...  
?GASP?

YUH GUESSED IT, WALRUS-  
FACE! THAT'S A SIXER  
PRESSED AGAINST YORE  
SPINE! OPEN UP THEM  
CELLS OR I OPEN  
'EM OVER YORE  
DEAD BODY!



MOMENTS LATER...

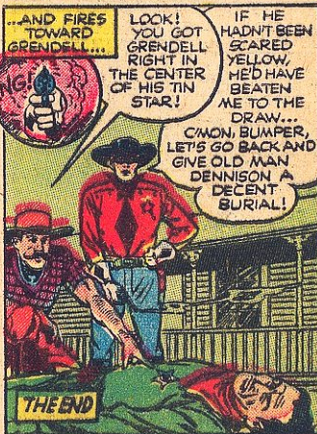
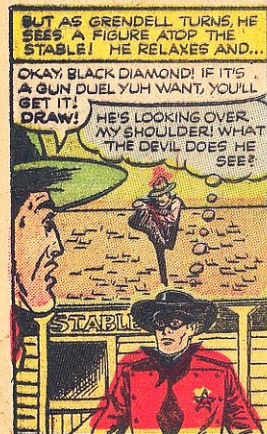
QUICK CRAG—GIT SOME FRESH  
HOBSES AT THE STABLE! BRING  
'EM HERE! WE'RE CLEARIN' OUT  
AN' TAKIN' THESE TWO AS  
HOSTAGES IN CASE THE BLACK  
DIAMOND TRAILS US!

YOU'RE A FOOL,  
GRENDALL! YOU  
CAN'T ESCAPE!  
EVEN A FAKE  
MARSHAL  
SHOULD KNOW  
THAT!



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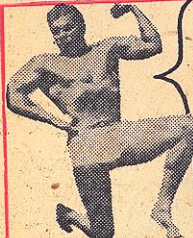
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of MIGHTY MUSCLE**  
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THIS 15" TALL  
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AS THEY DID!  
10 MINUTES  
OF FUN A  
DAY IS ALL  
YOU NEED!

ROGER  
HIRSCH  
was an  
112 lb. 6 ft.  
weakling  
LOOK AT HIM NOW!

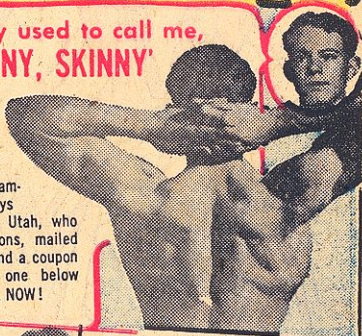


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at me now  
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inch IRON BAR  
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well as quantity."

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NOW!!!

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MAN! aren't YOU as SICK and  
TIRED as I and thousands of

**MIGHTY JOWETT HE-MEN  
WERE  
OF  
BEING  
SKINNY?**

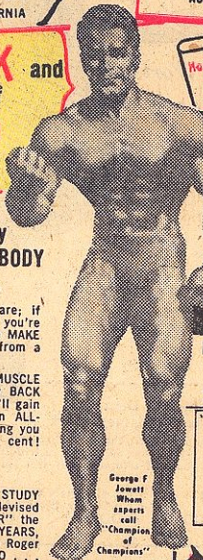
Then, Come on, Pal, do as they did!  
Give me 10 Pleasant Minutes a Day  
and I'll give YOU a NEW HE-MAN BODY  
for your OLD SKELETON FRAME.

**NO!** I don't care how skinny or flabby you are; if  
you're a teen-ager, in your 20's or 30's or over; if you're  
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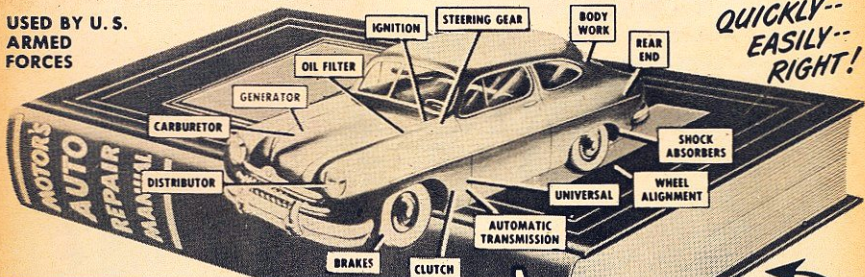
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Heat from lighted candles makes angels revolve continuously. When wands strike bells you hear pleasant musical chimes.

**10 Day Trial Offer!**  
**LOWEST PRICE EVER**  
**Only \$1.98**  
COMPLETE WITH CANDLES  
Beautiful Gift Box



Beautiful  
Tapered-  
Tip  
Candles

Overall  
Height  
13 inches

YOUR  
SATISFACTION  
GUARANTEED  
OR YOUR  
MONEY  
BACK



AS CENTERPIECE • ON MANTEL OR SHELF • ON BUFFET

• Here it is! That beautiful, whirling, chiming, table Candela-bra you've seen and admired at prices up to \$5 and \$10 in the finest shops. Now, for the first time, you can have this lovely, decorative centerpiece in your home, yours to own and enjoy, for only \$1.98 complete with 3 tapered-tip candles. All the authentic styling of famed Swedish craftsmen is faithfully reproduced in this enchanting "Singing Angels" replica.

• You, your family and friends will rejoice in the charm and beauty which this decorative innovation brings to your home. Everyone who comes into your home will be fascinated by the gentle whirling action of the Herald Angels as the heat from the lighted candles cause them to revolve round and round for hours. Your cares and burdens will vanish under the soothing, relaxing influence of the church-like musical chimes as the angel wands continuously strike golden-toned bells during the revolving action. The effect is truly breathtaking. Lighted candles—revolving angels—soft chiming bells—all combine to provide unequalled beauty, peace and contentment for your home and for all who enter it.

• Made for long-life service of all metal construction with rich, polished brass effect, achieved by special anodizing process, can't tarnish, discolor or rust. Circular tray is designed with three candle holders which adjust to width of any candles you may wish to use. Here is a beautiful, decorative addition for your table, mantel, shelf or buffet that will last and serve you for years to come, yours on this offer for only \$1.98 or two for \$3.79. Order today. Use your Musical Whirling Angel Chimes for 10 full days. We guarantee that you'll be thrilled with its heavenly beauty and action or you can return in 10 days for full refund.

## AGENTS! MAKE BIG MONEY THIS FAST, EASY WAY

Everyone will buy Angel Chimes on self-selling "lighted candle" demonstration. Should make you up to \$20 and \$100 weekly spare and full time. No competition. Write today for FREE details to Bill Alder, Sales Mgr., ILLINOIS MERCHANDISE MART, 1227 LOYOLA AVE., CHICAGO 26.

## Order for Yourself! Order for Friends!

Hurry!—With labor and material costs going up every day, our low offer price may soon be withdrawn. Order now while there's still time.

**MAIL COUPON TODAY**

## SEND NO MONEY! RUSH THIS COUPON!

ILLINOIS MERCHANDISE MART, DEPT. 2408  
1227 LOYOLA AVE., CHICAGO 26, ILLINOIS

Gentlemen—Rush my order as checked below for Musical Whirling ANGEL CHIMES, complete with 3 beautiful tapered-tip candles. I will pay the postman \$1.98 for one or two for \$3.79 plus C.O.D. postage charges on your 10 day money back offer.

Check how many:

☐ 1 ANGEL CHIMES @ \$1.98 ☐ 2 ANGEL CHIMES @ \$3.79

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SAVE C.O.D. CHARGES! Enclose price at offer plus 10c for postage for one or 15c for two. We'll ship your order all postage prepaid.